

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27 (B)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**Applicant or Patentee: **KELLY A. WILK**Title of Invention: **Woven Oval Shoe Laces and Method of Manufacture**

Serial or Patent Number:

Filed or Issued:

AS BELOW NAMED INVENTOR, I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled:

**WOVEN OVAL SHOE LACES AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE**

described in

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the specification filed herewith.

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application serial no. 0 / \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_

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I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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persons, concerns or organizations listed below.\*

*\*Note: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27).*

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

AS BELOW NAMED INVENTOR, I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

This declaration is of the following type: Utility

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **WOVEN OVAL SHOE LACES AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE** the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, \*1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, #119 of my foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate disclosing subject matter in common with the above-identified specification and having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Country</u>	<u>App. No.</u>	<u>Date of Filing</u>	<u>Priority Claimed under 35 USC #119</u>
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**NO SUCH APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FILED**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States code, #120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code #112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, #1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>None</u>		
(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)

I further declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing thereon.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** The following attorneys are hereby appointed to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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